MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING

THE REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

OF THE

OPERATIONS OF THAT INSTITUTION,

DURING

THE LAST YEAR.

JANUARY 15, 1806.

Read, and ordered to lie on the table.

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MESSAGE.

To the senate and house of representatives of the United States.

I communicate, for the information of Congress, the report of the Director of the Mint, of the operations of that institution during the last year.

TH: JEFFERSON.

January 15, 1806.

TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REPORT.

To the President of the United States.

AGREEABLY to former practice, I have the honor, at the commencement of the present year, to lay before you a statement of the issues from the Mint of the United States, and the expenses of the institution, during the past year: and conceiving, that it might not prove unacceptable, the treasurer has, at my request, drawn up, and exhibited, in one comprehensive view, (schedule, No. 4) a statement of all the gold, silver and copper coins, struck at the mint, from the commencement of its operation, till the present time.

From this statement it appears, that of gold coins issued from the mint, the whole amount is 2,613,-972½ dollars; of silver coins 1,953,917¾ dollars; and of copper coins 179,453 dollars 47½ cents; making the total amount 4,747,343 dollars 72½ cents, and the total number of pieces 22,594,832.

During the last year, as will appear in particular detail from schedule, No. 1, there have been struck at the mint, of gold coins, 34,964 pieces, amounting in value to 170,367½ dollars; of silver coins 469,496 pieces....value 149,067½ dollars; and of copper coins 1,755,580 pieces....value 13,483 dollars 48 cents; making the total number of pieces of the precious metals 504,460, and of copper coins 1,755,580, and the total value 332,918 dollars 48 cents. This amount is indeed somewhat less than that of the preceding year, ($ 371,827 94 cents) yet the number

of pieces is much greater, being all of the smaller coins; and this latter circumstance will readily account for the small difference in value; since the labour and time necessary to prepare and strike an equal number of large and of small pieces of coin, will be nearly equal.

Of the precious metals, the number of pieces coined in the last year, far exceeds that in any former year, since the establishment of the mint; indeed it is considerably more than *double* of what it has been, in any one of the four last years.

The striking of small coins is a measure which has been adopted to accommodate the banks and other depositors, and at their particular request; both with a view of furnishing a supply of small change, and to prevent the exportation of the specie of the United States to foreign countries.

I am authorized, sir, to assure you, that the bank of the United States (with perhaps the other banks in this city) will furnish the mint an ample supply of bullion, during the current year; and to avoid, as far as practicable, all inconvenient delay in the issue of coins, I am, with your approbation, about to employ a few additional workmen. The utmost economy, however, in the expenses of the institution, will be carefully observed.

The schedule, No. 3. exhibits an abstract of the expenditures of the mint, during the last year. From this, it will be observed, that the contingent expenses in the last six months, have been pretty considerable. This has arisen from sundry repairs, particularly of the stable, coal house, a pair of rollers, and one of the coining presses, which could no longer be dispensed with; but which will not again occur in many years.

Schedule, No. 2, exhibits a general statement of the gain on the copper coinage, for the last year, amounting to $ 2,187 68 cents, exclusive of 51 dollars 96 cents of spoiled planchetts, used in the alloy

of the precious metals. This gain would have been still greater, had not the planchetts proved to be somewhat overweight....though the late director had given the most particular charges and instructions on this head to the person of whom they were purchased.

I have, sir, the honor to be,

With the greatest esteem,

Your most obedient servant,

ROBERT PATTERSON, *Dr.*

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, 3d January, 1806.

No. 1.

An Abstract

Of the Coins struck at the Mint of the UNITED STATES, from the 1st January, to 31st December, 1805.

Silver.

		Half Dollars.	*Quarter Dollars.*	*Dimes.*	*Half Dimes.*	*Dollars & Cents.*	*TOTALS.*
	Quarter ending in March,	51,388	.	.	.	25,694	
	June,	24,260	65,726	.	.	28,561 50	
	September,	51,200	55,668	67,540	.	46,271	
	December,	84,874	.	53,240	15,600	48,541	
469,496	Pieces of silver coins,	211,722	121,394	120,780	15,600		
	Total amount of silver coins,						149,067 50

Gold.

		Half Eagles.	*Quarter Eagles.*		
	Quarter ending in March,	6,660	.	33,300	
	June,	1,423	.	7,115	
	September,	20,576	.	102,880	
	December,	4,524	1,781	27,072 50	
34,964	Pieces of gold coins,	33,183	1,781		
	Total amount of gold coins,				170,367 50

Copper.

		Cents.	*Half Cents.*		
	Quarter ending in March,	108,000	439,000	3,275	
	June,	187,500	255,464	3,152 32	
	September,	301,000	.	3,010	
	December,	344,616	120,000	4,046 16	
1,755,580	Pieces of copper coins,	941,116	814,464		
	Total amount of copper coins,				13,483 48
2,260,040	Total number of pieces of coins.	Amount of all the coins struck at the Mint in 1805,			332,918 48

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 31, 1805.

(Signed) BENJAMIN RUSH

No. 2.

Statement

OF THE GAIN ON COPPER, COINED AT THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES, FROM THE 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER, 1801.

1804.						
December 31.	. .	11,941 66.5	Amount remaining in the hands of the chief coiner, as per abstract rendered, on which there was a profit of, . . .		2,221 10.5	
1805.						
June 29.	. .	. .	Deduct, returned by him, in spoiled half cent planchetts, ...	28		
			Allowed him for difference in weight of the half cent planchetts, ...	84 26		
			Being part of the invoice of copper delivered him 28th November, 1804.		112 26	
November 6.	. .	. .	Returned by the chief coiner, in spoiled cent planchetts, ...	23 96		
			Allowed him for difference in weight on the cent planchetts, ...	81 96.5		
			Being part of the same invoice.		105 92.5	
	11,723 48	218 18.5	. . . . .		218 18.5	
						2,002 92
11.	. .	18,920 83	Amount of the invoice of copper entered 31st December, 1804, and delivered to the chief coiner for coinage this day, on which there was a profit of		2,002 92	
June 19.	. .	. .	Deduct so much short entered of the cost of said invoice on 31st December, 1804, ...		16 71	
December 31.	. .	17,160 83	So much yet remaining in the hands of the chief coiner (uncoined) which will take a proportion of the above profit, of		1,986 21	
					1,801 45	
						184 76
	13,483 48	Amount of copper coined in 1805.			Amount of profit gained in coining said sum.... *Dollars,*	2,187 68

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TREASURER'S OFFICE....PHILADELPHIA, 31*st* DECEMBER, 1805.

(Signed) BENJAMIN RUSH.

No. 3.

An Abstract

Of the Expenditures of the Mint of the United States, from the 1st January to 31st December, 1805.

		Salaries.	*Wages.*	*Incidental.*	*Totals.*
1805.	Quarter ending in March, ...	2,650	1,075 67	280 80	4,006 47
	June, ...	2,650	1,140 67	503 24	4,293 91
	September, . . .	2,650	1,291 58	678 70	4,620 28
	December, . . .	2,650	1,236 34	880 90	4,767 24
		10,600	4,744 26	2,343 64	
				Amount dollars,	17,687 90

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

PHILADELPHIA, 31*st December*, 1805.

BENJAMIN RUSH.

No. 4.

A Statement

OF THE GOLD, SILVER AND COPPER COINS, struck at the Mint of the United States from the commencement of that Institution to the 31st December, 1805.

	GOLD COINS.				SILVER COINS.						COPPER COINS.			TOTALS.
	Eagles.	*Half Eagles.*	*Quarter Eagles.*	*Amount in dollars, cents.*	*Dollars.*	*Half Dollars.*	*Quarter Dollars.*	*Dismes.*	*Half Dismes.*	*Amount in dollars, cents.*	*Cents.*	*Half Cents.*	*Amount in dollars, cents.*	
Copper coinage, commenced 1st March, 1793, Silver coinage, do. 15th Oct. 1794, Gold coinage, do. 31st July, 1795, to 31st Dec. 1795.	2.795	8.707	. .	71.485	204.791	323.144	. .	. .	86.416	370.683 80	1.066.033	142.534	11.373	453.541 80
From 31st December, 1795, to 29th November, 1796, . .	6.080	3.399	66	77.960	68.150	. .	5.894	22.135	10.230	72.348 50	974.700	115.480	10.324 40	160.632 90
29th November, 1796, to December, 1797, . . .	15.409	7.097	2.012	194.560	56.382	3.918	252	25.261	44.527	63.156 45	945.510	107.048	9.990 34	267.751 79
1st January to 31st December, 1798, ...	7.974	24.867	614	205.610	327.536	. .	. .	27.550	. .	330.291	979,700	. . .	9.797	545.698
Do. 1799, ...	17.483	7.451	480	213.285	423.515	. .	. .	. .	. .	423.515	904.585	12.167	9.106 68½	645.906 68½
Do. 1800, ...	25.965	11.622	. .	317.760	220.920	. .	. .	21.760	24.000	224.296	2.822.175	211.530	29.279 40	571.335 40
Do. 1801, ...	29.254	26.006	. .	422.570	54.454	30.289	. .	34.640	33.910	74.758	1.362.837	. . .	13.628 37	510.956 37
Do. 1802, ...	15.090	53.176	2.612	423.310	41.650	29.890	. .	10.975	13.010	58.343	3.435.100	14.366	34.422 83	516.075 83
Do. 1803, ...	8.979	33.506	423	258.377 50	66.064	31.715	. .	33.040	37.850	87.118	2.471.353	97.900	25.203 03	370.698 53
Do. 1804, ...	9.795	30.475	3.327	258.642 50	19.570	156.519	6.738	8.265	. .	100.340 50	756.838	1.055.312	12.844 94	371.827 94
Do. 1805, ...	. .	33.183	1.781	170.367 50	. . .	211.722	121.394	120.780	15.600	149.067 50	941.116	814.464	13.483 48	332.918 48
22,594,832 pieces of coins, ...	138.824	239.489	11.315		1.483.032	787.197	134.278	304.406	265.543		16.659.947	2.570.801		
				Amount of gold coins, 2.613.972 50						Amount of silver coins, 1.953.917 75			Amount of copper coins, 179.453 47½	
													Total amount of all the coins,	4.747.343 72½

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

PHILADELPHIA, 31*st December*, 1805.

BENJAMIN RUSH.